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1. MARCH 20 AFFIDAVIT OF JEROME PHILIP JUERGENS, PILOT OF
B-727 HIJACKED BETWEEN SEATTLE AND LOS ANGELES CONTAINS
FOLLOWING PERTINENT INFORMATION:

"HOLDER STATED IN HIS INITIAL DEMANDS THAT HE
WANTED TO FLY TO HANOI BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN HIS REASONS
FOR WANTING TO GO TO HANOI.

"HOLDER DID MENTION THAT HE WANTED TO FLY TO
HANOI ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION BUT I DO NOT RECALL EXACTLY
HOW MANY TIMES.

DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH HOLDER, I INFORMED
HIM THAT THIS TYPE OF AIRCRAFT DID NOT HAVE THE RANGE TO
TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAMAS IT DOES NOT HAVE EVEN THERANGE
TO TRAVEL TO HAWAII DUE TO ITS LIMITED FUEL SUPPLY. ATTHIS
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POINT, HOLDER DEMANDED ANGELA DAVIS BE FREED AND DEMANDED

A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH I CANNOT RECALL. HE ALSO DEMANDED THAT THE AIRCRAFT DEPART SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, FOR SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. I ASSUMED THAT THE REASON HE WANTED TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO WAS BECAUSE ANGELA DAVIS WAS BEING HELD NEAR SAN FRANCISCO AT THAT TIME.

"AT NO TIME DID HOLDER STATE THAT THE MONEY THAT HE DEMANDED WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE."

2. CHARACTERIZATION OF HANOI EFFORT AND CONCLUSION PARA 3 DEPTTEL 57491 BASED ON FACTS THAT AFTER TRANSFER TO SECOND AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF TRANSATLANTIC OR TRANSPACIFIC FLIGHT, HOLDER MADE NO EFFORT TO DIRECT THAT AIRCRAFT TOWARD HANOI BUT RATHER IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION. AFFIDAVIT OF MARCH 21, 1975 OF NEWELL, WHO WAS PRESENT ON SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW YORK FLIGHT, INDICATES HOLDER MADE NO REFERENCE TO NORTH VIETNAM AND THAT NEITHER HOLDER NOR KERKOW SAID OR INDICATED IN ANY WAY THAT THEY WANTED TO GO TO VIETNAM. KISSINGER

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